

## CLAIMS

We claim:

- 1        1. A therapeutic bird perch, comprising:
  - 2        a shaft having two opposing ends, the shaft having a
  - 3        perching surface extending between the opposing ends and a
  - 4        plurality of longitudinal grooves defined in the perching
  - 5        surface; and
  - 6        an abrasive coating disposed about a portion of the
  - 7        perching surface;
  - 8        whereby the perch therapeutically simultaneously stimulates
  - 9        blood circulation and nerve endings in a bird's feet when the
  - 10       bird stands on the perch.
- 1       2. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein said
- 2       shaft is cylindrical.
- 1       3. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the
- 2       grooves are arranged in a series of parallel rows.
- 1       4. The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the
- 2       abrasive coating encircles the perching surface.

1        5.    The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein the  
2 abrasive coating comprises a resin and sand.

1        6.    The therapeutic bird perch of claim 5, wherein said  
2 resin coats the perching surface and said sand coats the resin.

1        7.    The therapeutic bird perch of claim 1, wherein said  
2 shaft is hollow.

1        8.    The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 7,  
2 further comprising an end cap disposed over at least one end of  
3 the shaft.

1        9.    The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising a hangar bolt extending from at least one of  
3 the opposing ends of said shaft for mounting the shaft to a  
4 support.

1        10.   The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said shaft is made from polyvinyl chloride tubing.

1        11.   The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating is formed as a cylindrical shell  
3 disposed around said shaft.

1        12.    The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating is disposed about a center portion  
3 of said shaft.

1        13.    The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating is wound around said shaft in a  
3 spiral.

1        14.    The therapeutic bird perch according to claim 1,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating comprises:

3            at least one base coat of a polyester casting resin; and  
4            non-toxic, silica free sand laminated onto said base coat.

1        15.    A therapeutic bird ladder, comprising:  
2            a pair of parallel poles;  
3            a plurality of the therapeutic bird perches according to  
4 claim 1 forming rungs disposed between the parallel poles.

1        16.    The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 15,  
2 wherein at least two of said perches have a different diameter,  
3 whereby the bird exercises muscles of the feet to grasp the  
4 different diameter perches when climbing the ladder.

1        17. A therapeutic bird ladder, comprising:  
2        a pair of parallel poles;  
3        a plurality of rungs disposed between the parallel poles,  
4 each of the rungs including:  
5            a shaft having two opposing ends, the shaft having a  
6            perching surface extending between the opposing ends and a  
7            plurality of longitudinal grooves defined in the perching  
8            surface; and  
9            an abrasive coating disposed about a portion of the  
10          perching surface.

1        18. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 17,  
2 wherein at least two of said rungs have a different diameter.

1        19. The therapeutic bird ladder according to claim 17,  
2 wherein said abrasive coating comprises:  
3            at least one base coat of a polyester casting resin; and  
4            non-toxic, silica free sand laminated onto said base coat.